



President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – September 4, 2013

1. Welcome and acknowledgments
2. Proposed themes for the Faculty Senate:
 - a. Participating in shared governance
 - b. Enhancing support for academic excellence
 - c. Promoting effective communication and consultation
 - d. Honoring the commitment and enthusiasm of the faculty through a strengthened sense of community
 - e. Focusing on *academic impact* in all planning and policy decisions
3. Ideas to discuss:
 - a. Outreach to the faculty
 - i. Survey of the faculty (What do they want us to do?)
 - ii. Informal chats with faculty (Pres. and 1-2 members of the Exec. Comm.)
 - iii. Ways to engage the faculty in the work of the Senate
 - b. Outreach to staff colleagues
 - c. Outreach to students
 - i. Meetings with SGA and GSAC
 - ii. informal chats
 - d. Expediting work of the Senate—*without losing input*
 - e. What more does the website need to promote communication?
 - f. Brief overview of Robert’s Rules with Senate
 - g. Parliamentarian
 - h. Outreach to new administrators

New Administrators on campus
Mr. Steven Breese, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
Ms. Alexis Haakonsen, Director of Admissions
Mr. Frank LaDore, Director of Academic and Career Advisement†
Ms. Pamela Lassiter, Director of Diversity and Equity
Dr. Pablo Molina Garcia, AVP of Information Technology & Chief Information Officer†
Mr. Robert L. Stamp, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Dr. Tracy Tyree, Vice President for Student Affairs†
New searches getting underway
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of the School of Education
Remaining vacancy
Dean of the School of Graduate Studies

†Has already indicated a desire to meet with Faculty Senate

4. Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants
 - a. Announcement distributed to all Instructional Faculty, Friday, August 30
 - b. Announcement and guidelines posted on FS website
 - c. Encourage participation among the faculty

5. Meeting with President Papazian (8/15/13, with S. Cusato and J. Bailey)
 - a. Timely posting of FS information on SCSU website (agendas, minutes, proposals)
 - b. Meeting room for Faculty Senate meetings: ENB 121A&B
 - c. State of the University Address: Weds., September 18, 1:00-3:00 PM
 - d. Strategic Planning Town Hall Mtg.: Weds., September 11, 1:00-3:00 PM
 - e. Parking at Wintergreen Building (*see request to Parking Committee)

*Message sent, 8/20/13: "Writing as Faculty Senate President, I request that members of the faculty be allowed to park in very-short-term spaces at the Wintergreen Building— either by allocating 2-3 spaces for this purpose, or by including the faculty as valid users of spaces designated as "quick stop" spots. There are times when faculty members have large loads to carry to/from the building, or stop by in-transit when coming to or going from the campus, and should be viewed as legitimate users of convenience spaces. To exclude the faculty unnecessarily damages morale, and it is easy to accommodate legitimate faculty use without upsetting the purpose of easy access for others. I consider this an urgent and reasonable request, and hope it will be received in the same spirit of cooperation. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your reply."

6. Meeting with Provost Kennedy (8/19/13, with S. Cusato)
 - a. Grade appeals document updating
 - b. Review of other FS documents ("with broad input"): P&T, Renewal, Professional Assessment, Sabbatical, Chairperson
 - c. Review of committee overlap for purposes of "streamlining": proposal to co-sponsor forums on service
 - d. Use of Digital Measures (think FAAR) for P&T
 - e. Consideration of online Course Information Survey: must overcome low response rate

7. Issues on the horizon:
 - a. Effect of budget crisis on course schedule (sections and caps)
 - b. Effect of budget crisis on overload reconciliation
 - c. Grade appeals document revision
 - d. Creative activity and service: discussion of relative importance in evaluation
 - e. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
 - f. "Higher education is undergoing disruptive changes."
 - g. Proposal to move School of Health and Human Services to downtown location
 - h. ConnSCU emerging vision to focus campuses on academic specialty areas.

8. Possible establishment of Technology Advisory Board by Dr. Pablo Garcia Molina: invitation to include FS Technology Committee members.

9. All Senators are invited to attend a meeting with search consultant Julie Tea, on **Friday, September 13**, to give input on framing the job description for the Provost/VPAA search. This will be attended by members of the Graduate Council, as well. **ASC Theater, 11:00-11:50 AM**

10. Other meetings, where you are being represented:
 - a. Faculty Senate “Executive Committee,” Thursday, August 15, 2013
 - b. CSU Leadership Group, Wednesday, August 29, 2013
 - c. President Gregory Gray, Friday September 11, with CSU Leadership Group
 - d. CSU Leadership Group, Saturday, November 9, 2013

11. Faculty Senate Resolutions
 - a. Status of recent resolutions
 - b. Appropriate wording of resolutions

Status of Recent Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution on...	For	Disposition	Comments (abbrev.)
S-13-05	5-1-13	Travel Funds 2013-2014	Approval	Disapproved	Not FS responsibility
S-13-06	5-1-13	AAUP Travel Funds, 2013-2014	Approval	Disapproved	Inconsistent with CBA
S-13-07	5-1-13	Faculty Creative Activity Funds, 2013-2014	Approval	Noted	Further disc
S-13-08	5-1-13	The Incremental Increase of Faculty Creative Activity Grant Funds, 2013-2014	Approval	Disapproved	No room in budget for increase to this fund
S-13-09	5-1-13	The Restoration of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Funds, 2013-2014	Approval	Disapproved	The fund is supporting the grants
S-13-10	5-1-13	The Proposal to Reform the TA Process	Information	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain INFO vs APPROVAL • Inapprop: attempts to estab procedure for Off of Provost • FS encouraged to “suggest”
S-13-11	5-1-13	Create an Informational Bulletin to Improve TA Processing	Inform.	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain INFO vs APPROVAL • Inapprop: attempts to estab procedure for Off of Provost • FS encouraged to “suggest”
S-13-12	5-1-13	The Revised Faculty Senate Constitution	Approval	Noted	Comparative lang. requested
S-13-13	5-6-13	The University Strategic Plan and the Graduate Programs Prioritization Process	Approval	Disapproved	Delaying process unnec.; not in best interest of University
S-13-12	5-29-13	The Revised Faculty Senate Constitution	Approval	Approved	☺

“The Faculty Senate shall be the representative body of the faculty, deriving its authority from the faculty as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Its primary function shall be to serve as the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority.” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Section I)